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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS (Under M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b))

Sir:

The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits.

The Examiner is requested to consider the references noted on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A during examination of the above-identified patent application. The references are submitted for the Examiner's consideration and are submitted pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. In submitting the references, no representation is made or implied that the references are or are not material to the examination of the application. The Examiner is encouraged to make his or her own determination of materiality. Pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Consolidated Patent Rules of 01 February 2005, waiver of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), only copies of the foreign references and other references are provided. Copies of the U.S. patent references are not provided, unless required by the Office.

The following references are not in the English language: German patent No. 43 26 982 C1. Therefore, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), an English translation of the

description is attached to the patent, to satisfy the requirement for concise explanations of relevance.

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and as required by M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is requested to consider the following application commonly owned by the Assignee of the present application and that may include subject matter similar to that of the present application:

(1) U.S. application No. 10/503,332, filed July 29, 2004, pending.

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If the examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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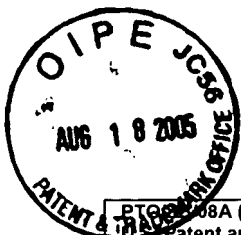
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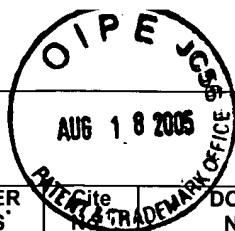
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